

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 19-29 and amend claims 17 and 18 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus for an automotive vehicle having an airbag, the apparatus having a seatbelt, for restraining an occupant of the automotive vehicle by the seatbelt to protect the occupant, comprising:

an electric retractor having seatbelt driving means for retracting and protracting the seatbelt;

airbag driving means for causing expansion of the airbag to restrain the occupant;

a pretensioner for rapidly retracting the seatbelt to restrain the occupant;

speed detecting means for detecting the speed of protraction of the seatbelt; and

control means for controlling at least one of actuation time or expansion pressure of the airbag by said airbag driving

means, actuation time of said pretensioner, a force of said pretensioner for retracting the seatbelt, and a force of said seatbelt driving means for retracting the seatbelt, based upon the speed of protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed

20 detecting means ~~as claimed in claim 16~~, wherein said control means controls said airbag driving means to shorten the actuation time of the airbag when the speed of protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a predetermined value, and prolong the actuation time of the airbag  
25 when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus for an automotive vehicle having an airbag, the apparatus having a seatbelt, for restraining an occupant of the automotive vehicle by the seatbelt  
5 to protect the occupant, comprising:

an electric retractor having seatbelt driving means for retracting and protracting the seatbelt;

airbag driving means for causing expansion of the airbag to restrain the occupant;

10 a pretensioner for rapidly retracting the seatbelt to restrain the occupant;

speed detecting means for detecting the speed of  
protraction of the seatbelt; and

control means for controlling at least one of actuation  
15 time or expansion pressure of the airbag by said airbag driving  
means, actuation time of said pretensioner, a force of said  
pretensioner for retracting the seatbelt, and a force of said  
seatbelt driving means for retracting the seatbelt, based upon  
the speed of protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed

20 detecting means ~~as claimed in claim 16~~, wherein said control  
means controls said airbag driving means to decrease the  
expansion pressure of the airbag when the speed of protraction of  
the seatbelt detected by said speed detecting means is higher  
than a predetermined value, and increase the expansion pressure  
25 of the airbag when the detected speed of protraction of the  
seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.

Claims 19-29 (Cancelled).